

NOTE: the following reflects the actions taken at a Special Session of the Bloomington Common Council. Meeting minutes with narrative (including non-legislative items) will replace this document after they have been approved by the council. Background information for the reports and legislation discussed at this meeting can be found in the council legislative packet for August 29-30, 2017 at the council web page. Please contact the Office of the City Clerk if you have questions regarding this document or the process.

Action Memorandum

Bloomington Common Council Special Session

August 29, 2017- Council Chambers

6:33pm

ROLL CALL

Council President Susan Sandberg presided

Roll Call: Sturbaum, Ruff, Chopra, Granger, Sandberg, Volan, Piedmont-Smith, Sims, Rollo

Members Absent: None

AGENDA SUMMATION

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON CHAPTER 4: DOWNTOWN

Resolution 17-28 – To Adopt the City’s Comprehensive Plan

MOTION: Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 17-28 be introduced and read by title and synopsis only.

ACTION: The motion was approved by voice vote.

MOTION: Volan moved and it was seconded that Resolution 17-28 be adopted.

MOTION: Volan moved and it was seconded to consider Resolution 17-28 and amendments thereto under certain procedures as follows:

Statement of Procedure for Consideration of Resolution 17-28, Which Would Approve the City’s Comprehensive Plan (Prepared for Consideration at the 8/29/17 Special Session)

Consideration of the Comprehensive Plan (Plan) and Amendments Over a Series of Meetings:

The Council will consider the Comprehensive Plan (Plan) over a series of meetings. The order of consideration does not follow the order of the chapters in the Plan and the public should refer to the Schedule (attached) to know what will be considered when. In general, amendments will be considered no sooner than the next meeting after the relevant chapters have been presented, discussed by the Council, and commented upon by the public. Once the amendments covering the previous meeting’s topics have been considered, then the Council will introduce, discuss and hear comment upon the next scheduled chapter(s) of the Plan.

Except as set forth in the next paragraph, the conduct of the deliberations will follow the usual Council practice:

- Staff or the applicable person will make a presentation on the relevant matter;
- Council members may then ask questions relevant to that matter for response that evening or at a later time;
- The public may offer comments on that matter (see below); and
- The members may ask further questions (at the leave of the Council), comment, and take whatever actions are in order at that time.

The exceptions to the usual practice are as follows:

- Amendments on a chapter will not be considered on the night the chapter is first presented, discussed, and commented upon; and
- The Council will be deliberating over one, long session spanning many meetings which, in essence, extends the opportunity to revisit sections and amendments, and calls for the Council to end each evening with a Motion to Recess until the Next Scheduled Meeting of the session.

Public Comment - Limiting Time and Occasions for Comment

When public comment is requested, members of the public may speak once and for no more than 5 minutes. In addition, members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments to the Clerk/Council Office or via email to council@bloomington.in.gov.

Amendments - Sponsorship and Deadlines

Amendments must be sponsored by a council member. Members of the public wishing to have an amendment considered must find a council member to sponsor it. Members of the public wishing to solicit a council sponsor for a proposed amendment may either contact a council member directly, or contact the council office staff and have their proposal distributed to all council members for consideration. In order to provide time to circulate the amendment, those requests should be made well before the deadlines set forth in the Schedule. Council Office staff (Dan Sherman and Stacy Jane Rhoads) can be reached at 812-349-3409 or at council@bloomington.in.gov.

Members of the Council must submit amendments in writing to the Council Office by noon of the deadlines set forth in the Schedule. These deadlines are approximately one week after the respective chapter of the Plan has been presented, discussed, and commented upon.

These deadlines are intended to allow distribution of the amendments prior to their formal consideration at a Council meeting. In that regard, the Council Office will: format the amendments; obtain their approval from the sponsoring council member; seek their review from the Planning and Transportation Department; distribute them to the council members, and make them available to the public prior to the hearing.

Final Hearing - New Amendments, Reconsidering Old Amendments, and Final Vote

After all parts have been considered in the above manner, the Council will consider Res 17-28 (as amended) at a continuation of the Special Session on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 to be held 6:30 pm. During this meeting:

- The presiding officer will open the entire document to further amendment, giving council members an additional opportunity to present amendments to the Plan.
- A council member wishing to introduce a new amendment may do so at this time, only after having submitting the new amendment by noon on November 8th for release by November 10th.
- In the event a council member wishes to revisit an amendment that has already be voted upon, there must be a motion to reconsider offered by someone from the prevailing side of the previous vote, and a majority must vote in favor of it.
- After considering any new amendments and revisited amendments, the Council is expected to take a single vote to adopt the entire document as amended.

Suspension of the Rules

The procedures and meetings set forth in this Statement and Schedule anticipate actions to be taken during the course of these deliberations. They may be altered by a motion to suspend the rules, which requires a 2/3's majority in order to succeed.

Time and Place of Meetings

These meetings will be held in the Council Chambers in the Showers Center at 401 North Morton Street. All the meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

ACTION: The motion received a roll call vote of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

RECESS (9:13pm) until Tuesday, September 12th where the Council will finish previous meeting's presentation (if necessary), consider amendments to Chapter 4: Downtown (covered on August 29th), and have a presentation, discussion & public comment on Chapter 6: Transportation (Page 66-77) and Chapter 7: Land Use (Pages 78-97)